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Items of possible interest to clubs and individuals, concerning people and amateur activities in the West Gulf Division, ARRL.

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Oklahoma SCM CECIL CASH, W5PML, suffered a severe heart attack while on vacation and is in the hospital at Mountain Home, Arkansas.

So. Texas SCM LEE ULREY, K5HZR, has finally retired the old 20A and updated to an HT-37 Transceiver.

N. Texas SCM GENE HARRISON, W5LR, has joined the 'trailering' amateurs. He now can get around his section with all the comforts of home.

Does your club have an emergency team organized, equipped, trained, and ready to go into a disaster area 150 miles away and operate completely self sustained, for five days? Do you work closely with the ARRL Emergency Coordinator? Does your emergency team include a photographer/reporter? Are you coordinated with the Red Cross? Do you know the name and telephone number(s) of the Section Emergency Coordinator so you can reach him any hour? Remember, THE CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRES A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PRIOR PLANNING, TRAINING,. AND EQUIPPING.

Did you know - - - - -The HOUSTON Amateur Radio Club affiliated with ARRL in 1919, followed just a few months later by the SAN ANTONIO club. Both have had continuous affiliation, a remarkable record indeed. Congratulations to you both.

Lets face it --- we can expect an increase in ARRL dues next year. Incidentally, we now have well over 1,000 Life Members. Life Membership is 20 times the annual rate, and can be paid in cash, or in 8 quarterly installments.

COMING EVENTS

We are advised that GEORGE HART, W1NJM, ARRL Communications Department Manager, will address the RICHARDSON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB on 11 OCTOBER. If you wish to try to wangle an invitation contact JOE H. JOHNSON, W5QBM, 2508 Big Horn Lane, Richardson, Texas, 75080.

BROWNFIELD HAMFEST - - - 23,24 OCTOBER. Contact TERRY COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, Box 8, Brownfield, Texas, 79316.

TEXOMA HAMARAMA - - - - 30,31 OCTOBER, Lake Texoma Lodge. Contact C. H. VANDERPOOL, W5NT, 5964 Burgundy Road, Dallas, Texas, 75230.

THIS DIRECTOR has been invited to meet with the OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY amateur radio club, NORMAN, Oklahoma. Tentative date: THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER.

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DERWIN KING, W5LUU, San Antonio, (along with WA4KFW) holds the 420 Megacycle DX record, 1150 miles, established 13 April, 1965!

Travelling with an FM rig in the car? Write Hq ARRL for a free copy of the Repeater Directory (send 16¢ SASE).

Want to move Traffic? Write same for a copy of the NET Directory (16¢ SASE).

Occasionally we hear someone say "I like ---- magazine better than QST." Maybe so, but there's a difference in subscribing to a magazine, and belonging to a national organization dedicated to the interests of amateur radio, especially when it comes time to register our individual opinions on possible changes to regulations.

Surprising, isn't it, the number of clubs, and club members who are unaware the clubmay keep 50¢ of each ARRL membership, and renewal, when processed through the club? Let's look at it this way - if your club has 50 members, this means you are handed 25 bux per year for club use, with minimal effort on the part of the club secretary.

WARNING

At least two of our amateur friends purchased homes in exclusive suburbs where the deed was loaded with restrictive covenants, including prohibition against amateur antennas. One is now being sued. Our legal counsel, Bob Booth, has advised me the courts generally have held these covenants to be valid. The moral to this story: READ THAT FINE PRINT BEFORE YOU SIGN.

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Our good compadre HARRY WILSON, W5BGC, up in McAlester said he was surprised to hear a Director on CW. This Director was surprised to hear that anyone was surprised to hear THIS Director on CW- Hi. How's that for mutilating the king's english? Seriously tho, before someone gets the impression I'm strictly CW, the log shows my operating time is very, very close to 50 - 50, fone and CW.

One of the most novel proposals to reach this desk came from ARTHUR KAY, W5APX, Port Arthur, Texas. Arthur recommends proposing the FCC grant XYL's of amateurs a 'no code, no theory, regulations only' license to operate the rig while the OM is away from home, with the OM retaining full responsibility. I'd like to hear your opinions on this, BUT BE SURE TO INCLUDE REASONS PLEASE. I failed to mention ART said the XYLs should also be required to know operating procedure.

HOUSTON now has a portable FM 2 meter repeater .34 - .94 ready to go, for use in emergencies. Fabrication by K5FOG, Arlington, Texas.

Quite often we get requests from some of the smaller communities which read like this: "We've been hearing about Repeaters. How do they operate? Tell us all about them." This is a difficult request to answer. Best solution is to arrange for a local representative to visit for a day with one of the nearest repeater groups for a full-blown tour and briefing. I can help with the names of persons to contact.

A long time ago, a gentleman by the name of Kipling wrote a poem which featured the philosophy that "East is East, and West is West, and Never the Twain Shall Meet." Today, our parallel is amateur radio and CB. Let there be no mistake. Amateur radio is wide open TO ANYONE WHO PASSES AN AMATEUR LICENSE TEST BEFORE THE COMMISSION. ARRL welcomes all bona fide amateur radio licensees as members. In fact, we are quite sure any affiliated club stands ready to help an interested CB'er become qualified to obtain an amateur license.

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WHAT IS AN AMATEUR?

The present day diversification of interests is so great it would be quite impossible to describe each of us who calls himself an amateur. Perhaps then, we can try to describe the 'ideal' amateur. Let us start by saying he has a tremendous bump of congenital curiosity which causes him to try out new circuits, and operates as many bands as possible, in as many modes as he can afford. His need to have unlimited privileges in the bands causes him to set the highest class of license as his goal. Desire to participate in the available knowledge of others sends him to the local radio club regularly, while a sense of duty impels him to accept his share of responsibility in club activities. His recognition of the need to be prepared to render a public service in disasters leads him to study operating procedures, and brings him to regular net attendance, even if on a limited basis. And, perhaps most important, his innate sense of decency causes him to be considerate and courteous to one and all on the amateur bands.

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At press time we have no word from FCC on the progress (or fate?) of Commission actions being processed. We refer to the FCC proposals to change voice frequency limits in the bands, repeater rules, and the eyebank ruling pertaining to message handling by amateurs.

MORAL FOR THE DAY - - - IF YOU CANNOT REDUCE POWER, AT LEAST BE CONSIDERATE.

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